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THEN WHY NOT RECRUIT SOME MORE?
WE'RE TRYING BUT IT DOESNT DO ANY GOOD WHEN NO ONE APPLIES
UH SIR? I'M SORRY, BUT WE'RE LOW ON STAFF
DAMMIT! WHERE ARE THOSE NEW CHAPTERS?!
ARE YOU FREAKING SERIOUS?
MANGA
FIST SLAM
WELL UH, YES ACTUALLY

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WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?
?
IT'S KIND OF CREEPING ME OUT
STARE
THIS GUY'S WEIRD STILL MAYBE I SHOULD VOLUNTEER AND HELP SPEED UP THEIR RELEASES

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Alice in wonderland

The fairy tale land of "Wonderland"
—WHAT ARE YOUR INTENTIONS?
Here lives a "calamity" in the shape of a girl.
... I CAME TO SAVE YOU, OF COURSE
—RIGHT,
And her name is

ALICE?

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—HMPH.
FOOL.
SFX WAFT
SFX WHOOSH
SFX SHOCK
snicker
snicker
snicker
snicker
snicker
UR GH
GUH
AH
AH
BUT I NEITHER KNOW WHO YOU ARE NOR WHERE YOU COME FROM
—MY GREATEST APOLOGIES
SFX THUD

—...FUH...
YOU CAME TO SAVE ME? ...HOW LAME
IT SEEMS THE POWER OF MALICE IS ALL TOO TRUE. EVEN IF YOU TRY TO SAVE HER SOUL... I GET IT... HOW INTENSE...
AS A MATTER OF FACT, IT'S RATHER DISTASTEFUL.
BUT THAT'S TO BE EXPECTED, RIGHT,
MISS "CALAMITY OF THE WORLD"...?
Long, long ago...

Then, all the wickedness born in "Wonderland" daily was molded into the shape of one girl
The Queen of Hearts decreed
"For the sake of Wonderland's continued peace, all the ill-willed malice and calamities throughout the world shall be sealed in one place."
And was sealed in a tower at the very edge of the country
—That's right,
Because all the misfortune was taken away by the "girl"!!
Because of this, "Wonderland" never suffers any ill consequences
The seal mustn't be broken...
The "demon" was given the name "Alice"
YOU SAY YOU'RE GOING TO SAVE ME?
—YOU ARE AWARE OF THE NATURE OF MY EXISTENCE, AND YET...

ARE YOU MESSED UP IN THE HEAD?
YOU'RE SO FULL OF SHIT.
A CONCENTRATION OF "EVIL" IN THE SHAPE OF A GIRL... YOUR BODY FELT IT EARLIER, RIGHT? MY TRUE FORM.
DO YOU UNDER-STAND?
—YEAH... IT'S BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND IT PERFECTLY THAT I HAVE SOMETHING TO PROPOSE TO YOU
MAKE A CONTRACT WITH ME, AND WE CAN ESCAPE FROM THIS PLACE TOGETHER, OKAY?

...WHA...
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? ARE YOU AN IDIOT? A MORON? A PIECE OF TRASH? DO YOU WANT TO DIE?
I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST A RUMOR, BUT YOU REALLY DO HAVE AN ARROGANT, CALLOUS ATTITUDE, DON'T YOU?
Hahaheh
—YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING.
IT'S TRUE THAT IF I MADE A CONTRACT WITH A HUMAN AND UNDO THE SEAL,
I'LL BE ABLE TO LEAVE THIS PLACE AND USE MY POWER FREELY.
BUT, IF YOU FORM A CONTRACT WITH ME —— I, THE "CALAMITY", WILL DEVOUR YOUR SOUL AND ABSORB YOU.
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO ESCAPE FROM "ME" FOR ALL ETERNITY... HAVE YOU DECIDED TO SPREAD "CALAMITY" ACROSS THIS WORLD?

ALL OF THE WORLD'S EVIL HAS BEEN PUSHED ONTO YOU
THAT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME, YOU KNOW?
THEY ARE ALL CONTINUING TO SHIELD THEIR EYES FROM REALITY AND LIVING INSIDE A TEMPORARY DREAM.
Heh
THAT TYPE OF WORLD ISN'T SANE.
PUSH
AND THAT'S WHY——
I WANT TO SAVE YOU FROM THIS OPPRESSION AND SOLITUDE.

I KNOW ABOUT YOU.
—OH, I REMEMBER NOW. WORDS THAT CAN LEAD A PERSON ASTRAY...
A FOLLOWER OF THE QUEEN OF HEARTS A FAILURE OF A TRUMP SOLIDER.
CALLED "THE LYING CLOWN." THE JOKER..
SMACK
ELOQUENT AND SKILLED, WHOSE SPECIALTY IS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE WEAK, A SHREWD SMOOTH-TALKING MAN...
...THAT'S PRETTY HARSH OF YOU.
THOUGH I CAN'T DENY IT.

WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU
PLANNING TO USE ME FOR?

—NOTHING?
OR,
IS IT SO BAD FOR A CLOWN TO JUST ONCE RISK BODILY HARM TO SHOW OFF TO THE WOMAN HE'S FALLEN IN LOVE WITH BY RESCUING HER?

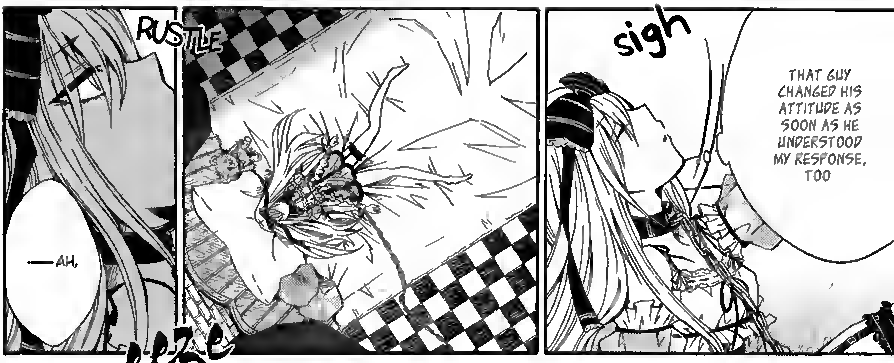
— Liar —

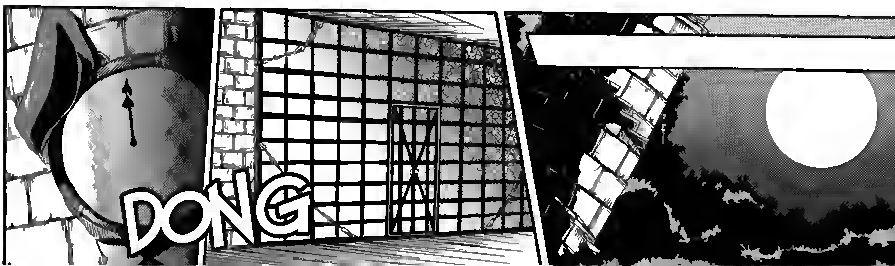
GO AWAY.

——I UNDERSTAND I'LL BE LEAVING FOR TODAY, THEN.
BUT——
DON'T COME HERE AGAIN.
——DO YOU GET IT?
I DESPISE THAT KIND OF IDIOTIC LIE THE MOST IN THE WORLD
...IF YOU CAUSE ME MORE DISPLEASURE THAN THIS
I'LL KILL YOU.
I have no idea what you're planning,
but I won't let you do what you like with me.

There's truly no way a human would ever

love someone like "me".



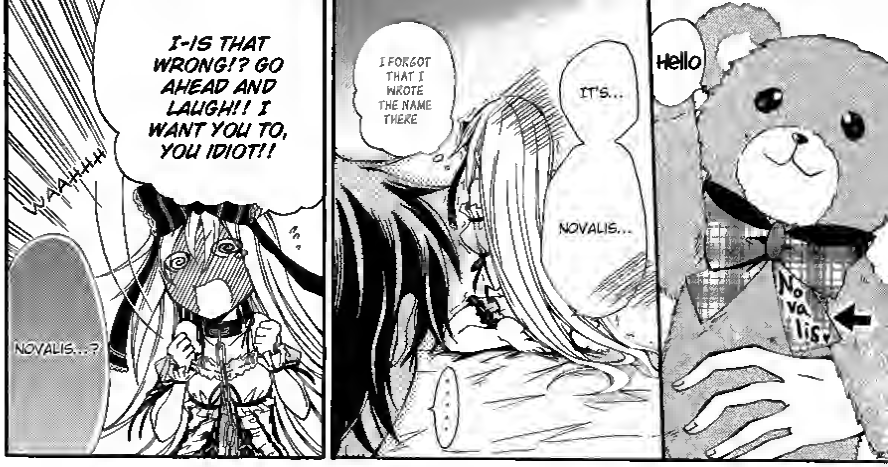


Hi there, Alice-sama!
CRIN
IT'S TIME FOR OUR LIAISON♥
——DID YOU NOT HEAR WHAT I SAID YESTERDAY?
HUH? YOU MEAN "Oh, Joker-san, I love you♥ Come see me again, mrow♥"?
DON'T TURN ME INTO SUCH A CUTESY CHARACTER.
Do you want to die?
Sorry, I just heard what I wanted, is all.
HAH...
YOU SURE HAVE GOOD EARS, THEN.
GRAB
Yay!
Alice-sama has fallen in love with me! ♪
!!?
Baaah
RUSTLE
D-D-D-DON'T TOUCH ME, YOU IDIOT!!!
I WAS BEING CYNICAL! SARCASTIC! I DESPISE YOU!! DO YOU HAVE MAGGOTS IN PLACE OF YOUR BRAIN!?!
I WASN'T PRAISING YOU!!!

AWW, AS EXPECTED, YOU ARE ADORABLE, ALICE-SAMA...
WHA..
WHAT KIND OF STUPID STUFF ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I KNEW IT, YOU'RE MESSED UP IN THE HEAD
It's fine.

Wow!
It's so high.
If he won't give up
then when he begins talking about making a contract tonight, I'll——
Turn him into dust.
Hey, Alice-Sama! Alice-Sama, listen to me!
What a great view!
STOP IT.

TAP
HM, WELL THEN, HOW ABOUT "MADAM"?
...SUCH AN UNPLEASANT NAME...
I REALLY HATE "THAT NAME"...
squeeze
...WHAT'S WITH CALLING ME SOMETHING LIKE I'M FROM THE MAFIA...?
WANNA DIE?
.....WELL, DOESN'T IT SUIT YOU PERFECTLY, THEN?
Asking if I want to die is the kind of thing the Mafia would do!
HMPH.
PFFT, BESIDES, NAMING A DOLL IS CHILDISH, AND I WOULD NEVER——
RUSTLE
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSE TO MEAN?
Round and cute eyes, completely different than the Madam.
WAIT...
DON'T TOUCH MY PET WITHOUT MY PERMISSION!!
HEY, MADAM, THIS TEDDY BEAR IS SUPER CUTE.
WH, T'S IT'S NAME?



*T/N Novalis was a German poet who used the "Blue Flower" as a symbol for romantic longing

*T/N James Tiptree Jr is a pen name for Alice Sheldon, she also wrote about unattainable longing

—— MADAM, I CAN TELL YOU REALLY LIKE BOOKS.
Hehe
It does really look
JAMES TIPTREE JR'S...*
YOU THINK SO TOO!?
THAT ONE'S REALLY EXCELLENT, ISN'T IT?

IT'S JUST THAT THERE'S NOTHING ELSE TO DO SINCE I'M IMPRISONED IN THIS PLACE. .
N. .NOT REALLY.
. I-IT'S NOT LIKE I LIKE THEM OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT..
GAH
——IS THAT SO..?
WELL THEN,
LET ME SHOW YOU SOMETIME
ALL THE THINGS YOU CAN'T SEE FROM HERE LIKE BEAUTIFUL SCENERY AND MOUNTAINS WITH THE SONGS OF THE WIND ECHOING THROUGH THEM. . AND A REAL BLUE FLOWER. I'LL SHOW YOU ALL THE THINGS YOU'VE NEVER SEEN
EVERYTHING——

SFX: DON
SFX: RUSTLE
I CAN ONLY COME HERE IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT.
IT'S REGRET-TABLE, BUT I MUST GET GOING NOW.
WHOOPS. .
IT'S ALREADY THIS LATE?
SFX: DONG
WELL, MADAM,
SEE YOU TOMORROW.
SFX: SLAM
HUH?
W..IT...
WHY...

Ever since then,
the next day, and the day after that,
Every night, he came to my room.
WHY DID YOU COME...?
CONFUSED...
and left each morning at exactly 5 AM.
He appeared without fail every night at 12 AM,
He told me things like what he'd done in the lower city during the day,
or horror stories bad enough to shock the lowest ranking soldiers.
In the end, the only time he'd mentioned "making a contract" was the first night.
After that, he only shared silly gossip about the outside world, or tried to sexually harass me.

——11 O'CLOCK.
... HE'LL BE HERE SOON ...
That's what I thought, but...
If he's laying out some sort of trap, then I'll kill him immediately.
Good evening, Madam ——
TCH.
HUH?
——W-WHICH REMINDS ME, I'VE NEVER THOUGHT OF IT BEFORE, BUT...
GASP
I'M ALWAYS WEARING THESE UNDERCLOTHES AROUND HIM...

WHAT'S THE MATTER?
THOSE CLOTHES...
W-WHAT!? IF YOU HAVE A COMPLAINT, THEN SPIT IT OUT!!
WHAT ARE YOU SO MAD ABOUT?
OR ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY YOU'D RATHER I WEAR MY UNDERWEAR!? YOU SEXUALLY HARASSING MAGGOT!!
Aren't you being more harsh than normal?
GYAA-H
—BUT,
IT SUITS YOU. I LIKE IT
A LOT.
—HEH
IT'S NOT LIKE I DRESSED UP FOR YOU, OR ANYTHING

MADAM, YOUR HAIR IS REALLY BEAUTIFUL.
WAIT... DON'T TOUCH IT... SINCE I CAN'T GO OUTSIDE, IT NEVER GETS MESSED UP...
I LIKE THE STRAIGHTNESS A GREAT DEAL, TOO.
HOWEVER, NEXT TIME I'D LOVE TO SEE IT PUT UP.
HAH...?
——WHAT KIND OF STUPID THINGS ARE YOU SAYING...?
I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT FOR YOU?
YEP.
Dealing with this man... should be a trivial matter.
And yet...
What is this feeling...?
BO-DUMP
I don't know...
But before I realized,

I

Began waiting for the time when he'd come again.

GOOD EVENING, MADAM.
CREAK
He... He came...!!
What should I do...!? What if he thinks I look strange, or he laughs at me...!?
SO YOU CAME AGAIN? JEEZ, YOU SURE HAVE A LOT OF FREE TIME.
I SHOULD JUST KILL YOU.
!!!
—WH...
WHAT IS IT?
YOU'RE BEING WEIRD AND NOT EVEN TALK——

SOMETHING IS DIFFERENT. YOU'RE NOT YOUR USUAL SELF.
...WHAT'S WRONG... WITH YOU?
?
AH
rush
...IT'S NOTHING
—I'M ONLY
A LITTLE TIRED, IS ALL.
....THE TRUMP SOLDIERS ARE ALL RETAINERS OF THE QUEEN, RIGHT?
SO ISN'T THAT THE SAME AS BEING A PRINCE OF THIS COUNTRY?
YOU WERE GIVEN LIFE BY THE QUEEN... ANOTHER NAME FOR YOU ALL IS "THE SONS OF THE QUEEN".
—A RETAINER OF THE QUEEN—?
...BUT, YOU KNOW, MADAM...
SO YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TO SUFFER ANY INCONVENIENCES... RIGHT?

I'M NUMBER 14...
I'M THE VERY LOWEST RANKED OF THEM ALL.
"A-K" ALL HAVE POWER AND FAME, AND MOTHER.
THE "QUEEN" FAVORS THEM GREATLY...
... BUT THE LOWEST POWERLESS JOKER
CAN ONLY SURPASS THEM WHEN IT COMES TO LYING AND DECEIVING PEOPLE
I'M JUST AN EMBARRASS-MENT TO THE QUEEN AND MY BROTHERS.
I'M ALWAYS BEING COMPARED TO THEM, ABUSED BY THEM, AND LAUGHED AT.
THOUGH I'M AT THE BOTTOM, WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE "FAMILY".
AND YET, THEY——

THEY DON'T LOVE ME AT ALL.
UNTIL NOW, I'VE BEEN ALL ALONE.
I'm... the same...
I've also never been loved even once by someone
But, if we... go out into the bright world, will that still be the case...?
RUSTLE

SINCE I FIRST LAID EYES ON YOU,
I THOUGHT WE WERE EXACTLY THE SAME.
BECAUSE OF THAT, I THOUGHT YOU WERE LOVELY.
P4
L
EH, W-
WAIT.
I'M——

"LONELY".
I THOUGHT IF IT'S YOU, THEN SURELY...
YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THIS...
——.....

MADAM,
RUN AWAY WITH ME.
AND THEN WE CAN LIVE TOGETHER, JUST THE TWO OF US.
IF IT'S FOR THAT,
THEN I DON'T MIND GIVING UP EVERYTHING FOR YOU.

... I'll be back tomorrow.
Please think it over until then.
.....
Let's run away
to the outside world, just the two of us. How about it...?
squeeze
HE DIDN'T COMPLIMENT MY HAIR-STYLE...
The two of us leaving this place..
whisper
IN THE END,
Is that even possible...?

WHY...? HE'S NEVER BEEN LATE, NOT EVEN FOR A SECOND...
HE'S NOT COMING...
...IT'S ALREADY PAST 12...
It's unusual for me to be so shaken by such things,
... But...
and to even be filled with hope...

However, two days passed without him showing up.

HOW DO YOU DO,
"ALICE"?
JOKER...!?
!!
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
——THE "QUEEN"... YOURS IS THE FACE I WANTED TO SEE LEAST OF ALL...
——IN THAT CASE, SHALL WE LET YOU SEE THE FACE YOU WANTED TO SEE THE MOST?

FUFUH
FROM THAT EXPRESSION, IT SEEMS THIS MAN HAS BECOME YOUR WEAKNESS, HMM?
snicker
TIP
THIS MAN... THE "LYING CLOWN", JOKER
BETRAYED US
SLIP
W WHAT'S THAT?
WHAT TRASH
FU FU FU...
HE WAS PLANNING TO MAKE A CONTRACT WITH YOU AND ACQUIRE THE POWER OF "CALAMITY"
RIP
...WHA...
IN ORDER TO RISE ABOVE ME AND HIS BROTHER SOLDIERS TO TAKE THE COUNTRY INTO HIS OWN HANDS.
YES, HE COMPLETELY TRICKED YOU...!!

How laughable...!!!
To think that the "Calamity of the World" would be so easily tricked with seduction...!!
Were you thinking that some affection would be alright, as long as it's him?
——IS ALL OF THIS TRUE?

SFX: GRIND

SFX: PULL

IT'S TRUE.
snicker
AFTER 2 DAYS OF TORTURE AND ADMINISTRATION OF A TRUTH SERUM, HE FINALLY TOLD THE TRUTH
EVERYTHING WAS A PART OF HIS "PLAN" ——TOO BAD FOR YOU
AND NOW, HE'S GOING TO BE PUBLICLY EXECUTED
IF YOU LIKE I'LL EVEN LET YOU GO ALONG AND WATCH. HOW ABOUT IT?
snicker

THOUGH THE MAN YOU LOVE IS GOING TO BECOME JUST BLOOD AND A LUMP OF MEAT...!!!
KYAHAHAHAHA!
..I knew it.
Madam!!
There was no human around who would get close to the "Calamity" unless they had an ulterior motive...
I truly knew that from the beginning.
Why did I
accept him, despite that?
Even so——

I'm lonely...
...Madam...
It's because
I saw myself reflected in him
—That's simple...
Why I did accept him to the extent
of waiting for him to arrive every night?
were too sweet and comforting...
And, of course, his lies...
I LOST, JOKER.
IT'S YOUR WIN.
—And now, I'm certainly
addicted.

I'LL GRANT YOUR AMBITIONS WITH MY POWER!
AND IN RETURN,
JANGLE
YOU DON'T GET IT? I'M SAYING, I'LL MAKE A CONTRACT
PULL
W-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
PLEASE GIVE ME ENOUGH "LIES" TO LAST A LIFETIME.
UNTIL YOUR BODY HAS ROTTED AWAY AND EVERY SINGLE DROP OF BLOOD HAS BEEN WRUNG,
PLEASE LOVE ME!!!

MADAM...
RIGHT?
RIGHT, JOKER...?
PLEASE DESTROY THE "CALAMITY'S" ETERNAL SEAL WITH THIS STAKE. IF YOU DO I'LL PARDON ALL YOUR CRIMES.
THIS TIME, I'LL FORGIVE YOU.
You "Calamity" bitch, what are you thinking——!?
If you do something like this, then the peace in "Wonderland" will disappear, as will my power and territory——!!
I'M GIVING YOU THIS CHOICE BECAUSE I LOVE YOU.
THINK IT OVER WELL... THAT GIRL IS ONLY A "CALAMITY" IN THE FORM OF A HUMAN...
MONEY, GIRLS, NO MATTER WHAT YOU WANT, YOU'LL HAVE IT AND YOU CAN LIVE OUT YOUR LIFE IN LEISURE.
AND YOU'LL BE TREATED JUST THE SAME AS YOUR BROTHERS.

——MOTHER...
CLICK
SURELY YOU, WHO ARE SO WISE, CAN UNDERSTAND WHICH OPTION IS FOR THE BEST?
——OR CHOOSE BETWEEN A LIFE OF BEING TRACKED DOWN AS AN ENEMY OF THE WHOLE WORLD AND ETERNAL PEACE
... MADAM...
I'M SORRY
SWISH
SFX: KSSH
AFTER ALL...
I——

I
RUSTLE
squeeze
WANT TO BE MADE YOURS.
PLEASE MAKE ME ONLY YOURS.

HOW WISE... AS I THOUGHT, YOU ARE STUBBORN...
FU
KU KU KU...
JOOOOKER!
WELL THEN...
RUSTLE
BECOME ONE WITH ME.
AND I
LIKE THAT.

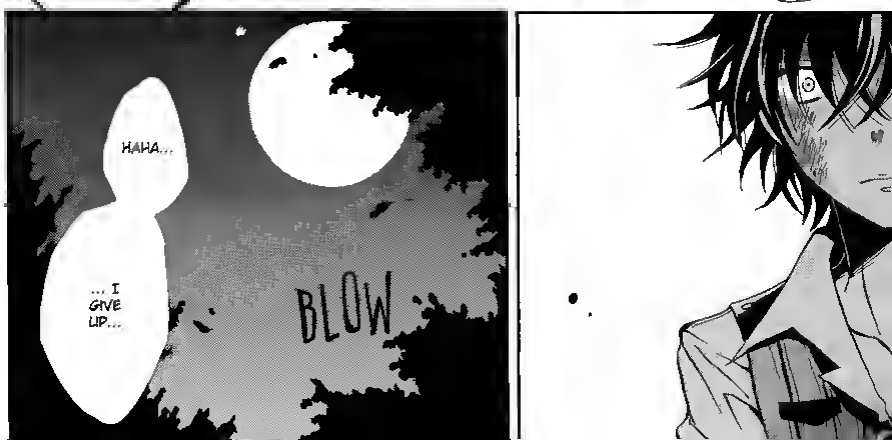
AHHH...
NO
NO
IF YOU UNSEAL THAT "THING,"
THEN DEATH WILL
SFX: GASP
HUH?
SFX: BOOM
has been set free...!!!
The "calamity"
SFX: ROAR
The seal...
SNAP

My-
My faaaace!!
AH
AHHH
AHHH
AHHH
GYAAH
ALICE!!!
RESIDENTS, AFTER HER!!!
RUSTLE

DRIP
GO AFTER THOSE TWO,
AND
MAKE THEM SUFFER THE WORST POSSIBLE END!!!
Hah
DASH
Hah
...WAIT
WAIT, JUST.. A SECOND
COLLAPSE
MADAM, ARE YOU O—
!!
SHHH
AFTER THEM!!!
DON'T LET THEM ESCAPE!!
RUSTLE

IT'S PRETTY EXCITING, ISN'T IT? OUR "FLIGHT OF LOVE".
GRIN
I'M THE TYPE THAT GETS MORE FIRED UP WHEN THERE'RE MORE OBSTACLES.
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE HAVING FUN. EVEN THOUGH EVERYONE IN THE COUNTRY IS AFTER US...
Even the soldiers are involved.
OH NO~ IT'S BECOME THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO, MADAM!!

SO?
HAS EVERYTHING UP TIL NOW GONE AS YOU PLANNED?
—JEEZ
YOU'RE REALLY SUCH A LIAR


HAHA...
... I GIVE UP...
BLOW

SO YOU'VE SEEN THROUGH EVERYTHING, THEN...?
——YEAH, I'M SATISFIED. YOU LEFT BEHIND EVERYTHING,
AND MOVED EXACTLY AS I EXPECTED.
BUT IN RETURN, I'LL PROPERLY
GRANT YOU YOUR DESIRED "LIE". THAT'S THE "CONTRACT", RIGHT?
——I LOVE YOU,
MADAM.

YEAH.
I LOVE YOU, TOO.
This is
the story of myself, who was going mad with loneliness,
and you, both lonely and a horrendous liar.
WAIT... MADAM.
SAY THAT ONE MORE TIME, PLEASE
NOPE.
ER... SO IT WAS JUST A LIE?
MAYBE
MADAM!!
A fairy tale of lies and miracles.
END